

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, Maggie Komosinski, Becky Ballard, Bill Wilson, Chris Blane, Paul Deane, Pat Doyle. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, and Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: George Mellor and Chris Blansfield.

Public Input: Articles from area newspapers were circulated. Clerk will scan and email them to everyone.

Election of Officers:

Mary Sue Record – Chairman nominated by Becky Ballard, seconded by Pat Doyle, voted unanimously.

Becky Ballard and Maggie Komosinski – Co-Vice Chair nominated by Mary Sue Record seconded by Pat Doyle and voted unanimously.

Bill Wilson – Secretary nominated by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Paul Deane and voted unanimously.

Approval of minutes

December 7, 2010 minutes were approved as written in a motion by Becky Ballard and seconded by Paul Deane

Ayes 7 (Record, Komosinski, Ballard, Wilson, Blane, Deane, Doyle) Nays 0

Absent 2 (Blansfield, Mellor)

December 15, 2010 minutes were tabled until next month's meeting.

New Business

Priorities for this year

The focus this year will be smaller groups to discuss specific items included in the recommendations to the Town Council to be brought back to the monthly meeting for votes and monitoring the Town Council on these three items.

1. :

- reminding the Town Council about the joint management agreement covering hunting in Rodman's Hollow between the Town and the DEM.
- Fish and Wildlife must be pursued in order to get hunting approved.
- Liability on town lands was discussed. Mary Sue Record said that the DEM left it out of the abstract this year by mistake.

2.: Continue with public education and information dissemination- Members of this committee will be Mary Sue Record (Leader), Becky Ballard, Pat Doyle and Bill Wilson.

A survey to show what the commitment is of Island Residents to reduction of Deer herd will be done. It was noted that safety is the item that needs to be promoted.

Staying up to date on what other communities are doing to deal with increasing deer herds.

3. Working with Conservation groups – Members of the this committee will be Maggie Komosinski (Leader) and Becky Ballard
4. Statistics – George Mellor. Kim Gaffett will find out about a deer count this year while there is still snow on the ground.
5. Deer Reduction Plan – Members of this committee are Paul Deane (Leader), Chris Blansfield, and Chris Blane. This group will look at methods of hunting and obstacles in the way of increasing deer take.

Next meeting February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 2/15/2011

Bonny Ryan